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Classified By: DCM Andrew Chritton for Reasons 1.4 (b&d)

[1](#)1. (C) PolOff delivered Ref A points to MFA Bilateral Affairs Director General for Europe Pablo Villagomez on March 23, 2009. Villagomez reiterated the position previously expressed by the MFA's Director General of Multilateral Affairs (Ref B), that the GOE was sensitive to issues of sovereignty and would not get involved in such issues publicly. He said that the GOE would not take a position for or against Russia or Georgia, nor would it condemn Russia's recognition of South Ossetia or Abkhazia as independent states. When asked, he said that Russia had not pressed Ecuador on the issue.  
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